

interconnection with a public switched telephone network. When outside the range of the cordless base station 115, the cordless portable radiotelephone 101 has the ability to communicate with a convention cellular system 103.

In view of the disclosures of Dent and Schellinger, there has been no showing that it would have been obvious to modify the claimed system of Connolly to include elements as recited in claims 1-102 of the present application. For example, Dent and Schellinger are both directed to systems having portable terminals. These systems, accordingly, include a hand-off feature as the terminals pass through areas covered by the individual cell stations. Yet, there is no disclosure or suggestion in Dent or Schellinger that it would have been obvious to include a hand-off feature in a fixed system. However, the present invention has recognized the advantage of a hand-off feature in a fixed system. In particular, if a fixed terminal detects a better signal from another base station, it may initiate hand-off in order to improve the clarity of the signal. (page 35, lines 15-18) Accordingly, there has been no showing that it would be obvious to modify claims 1-65 of the Connolly patent in view of Dent or Schellinger to produce the presently claimed invention.


Applicants will submit a substitute declaration to correct the defect noted in the Office Action.

CONCLUSION

In view of the arguments above, it is submitted that the rejection of claims 1-102 for double patenting should be withdrawn. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be

helpful to resolve any remaining issues, he is respectfully
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